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SUBJECT: APRIL 26 MEETING ON WASHINGTON NATO SUMMIT

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1. WASHINGTON'S IDEAS ON THE SCHEDULE AND ORGANIZATION OF THE SUMMIT HAVE CONTINUED TO EVOLVE SINCE REFTELS WERE CLEARED. THE FOLLOWING GUIDANCE REPRESENTS THE LATEST THINKING AT HIGH LEVELS. THESE VIEWS HAVE NOT BEEN CLEARED AT THE HIGHEST LEVELS, HOWEVER, AND THUS SHOULD BE CONSIDERED PRELIMINARY US SUGGESTIONS FOR ALLIED CON-  
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SIDERATION UNLESS OTHERWISE INDICATED. FOR THE PRESENT, PREVIOUS GUIDANCE IN REFTELS IS MODIFIED AS FOLLOWS:  
REF A., PARAS 4 AND 5, ARE OBE. REF B, PARAS 3, 7, AND 10, ARE MODIFIED PER THE FOLLOWING.

2. WE EXPECT TO HAVE GUIDANCE PROMISED IN PARAS 4 AND 5, REF B, SOON AFTER HIGH LEVEL MEETING SCHEDULED HERE ON

APRIL 27. WE REALIZE THAT THE DELAY MAY TEND TO FORECLOSE SOME OPTIONS OR ALLOW OTHER ALLIES TO DRIVE DISCUSSIONS ON APRIL 26. MISSION SHOULD SEEK TO KEEP OPTIONS OPEN TO EXTENT POSSIBLE.

3. SUBJECT TO ALLIED CONCURRENCE, IT HAS BEEN DECIDED THAT THE FIRST DAY SHOULD BEGIN WITH A CEREMONIAL OPENING IN THE KENNEDY CENTER CONCERT HALL. THIS CHANGE FROM THE INDICATIONS IN PARA 3, REF A, IS FINAL. THE TIME IT WILL TAKE TO MOVE FROM THE KENNEDY CENTER TO THE DEPARTMENT WILL MAKE IT EVEN MORE NECESSARY THAT THE ALLIED LEADERS STRIVE TO KEEP ANY PREPARED STATEMENTS AS SHORT AS POSSIBLE IN THE MORNING PLENARY. IT IS OUR STRONG HOPE THAT THE TIME DEVOTED TO PREPARED STATEMENTS WILL FINISH BY 1 O'CLOCK OR EARLIER SO THAT THE AFTERNOON SESSION CAN BE SPENT IN THE RESTRICTED DISCUSSION FORESEEN IN PARA 5, REF B.

4. THE QUESTION OF TRADITIONAL COMMUNIQUE VS. SPECIAL STATEMENTS IS BEING RECONSIDERED. WE DO NOT OPPOSE THE IS PLAN TO PROCEED WITH PREPARATION OF A TRADITIONAL, SINGLE COMMUNIQUE (USNATO 3976); HOWEVER, YOU SHOULD NOT ALLOW THE ALLIES TO FORECLOSE THE POSSIBILITY OF SOME OTHER SPECIAL STATEMENT OR STATEMENTS COMMENSURATE WITH EXTRAORDINARY NATURE OF THIS SUMMIT AND THE YEAR OF REVIEW AND REASSESSMENT THAT IT CAPS. WE ARE NOT CONFIDENTIAL

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MOVED BY FRENCH PERMREP'S CONCERNS REGARDING CONCLUDING DOCUMENTS (USNATO 4123). FRANCE IS BOTH AN ALLY AND A POTENTIAL, IF INDIRECT, BENEFICIARY OF NATO DEFENSE IMPROVEMENTS AND THE LTDP. NO PART OF THE SUMMIT IS A MEETING OF THE DPC. WE BELIEVE A UNITED STAND BY ALL OTHER ALLIES CAN BRING THE FRENCH TO ACCEPT LANGUAGE SIMILAR TO THAT IN THE LONDON SUMMIT COMMUNIQUE. WE HAVE NOT YET DECIDED ON RECOMMENDED TIME OF RELEASE OF COMMUNIQUE, BUT IT COULD BE AT END OF SECOND DAY.

5. REGARDING ATTENDANCE AT THE PRESIDENT'S LUNCH ON THE FIRST DAY, WE RECOGNIZE SOME ALLIES ARE UNCOMFORTABLE WITH THE THOUGHT OF HEADS OF GOVERNMENT TALKING WITH EACH OTHER ABOUT SUBSTANTIVE MATTERS WITHOUT MINISTERS PRESENT. ON THE OTHER HAND, THE IDEA OF AN INFORMAL INTIMATE CONVERSATION RESTRICTED TO ONLY THE TOP LEADERS DID NOT ORIGINATE WITH US BUT RATHER WITH TRUDEAU, SCHMIDT, AND OTHERS. WE NOTE REPORTS THAT AT THE RECENT EC-9 SUMMIT IN DENMARK THE HEADS OF GOVERNMENT MET ALONE EXCEPT FOR THE PRESENCE OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE EC COMMISSION, A NOTETAKER AND AN INTERPRETER. WE ARE NOT CONVINCED THAT THE ALLIES COULD NOT ALSO

MEET IN A SIMILARLY RESTRICTED SESSION FOR LUNCH AND THEN WITH FOREIGN MINISTERS FOR THE AFTERNOON'S RESTRICTED SESSION, PLUS PETRIGNANI AND PERHAPS THE CHAIRMAN MC.

6. WE BELIEVE IT WOULD BE USEFUL TO HAVE A WORKING LUNCH ON THE SECOND DAY DURING WHICH THE PARTICIPANTS COULD DISCUSS DEFENSE-RELATED OR OTHER ISSUES. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ALLIES' VIEWS ON WHO MIGHT ATTEND THIS LUNCH AND WHO MIGHT HOST IT. (FYI: SINCE THE PRESIDENT IS ALREADY SCHEDULED TO HOST TWO MEALS ON THE FIRST DAY, WE WOULD BE AMENABLE TO AN OFFER BY THE SYG OR THE HONORARY PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL TO HOST THE LUNCH. FOR CONVENIENCE'S SAKE, EIGHTH FLOOR  
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FACILITIES COULD BE MADE AVAILABLE ON A REIMBURSABLE BASIS. END FYI).

7. WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING IF ANY ALLY INTENDS TO OFFER A DINNER OR RECEPTION FOR SUMMIT PARTICIPANTS ON THE EVENING OF THE SECOND DAY, WHEN MANY PARTICIPANTS WILL APPARENTLY REMAIN IN WASHINGTON. (FYI: THE TURKS ARE APPARENTLY THINKING OF A NON-SUMMIT RELATED RECEPTION OR DINNER, MAY 31, BUT MIGHT BE INTERESTED IN ADJUSTING THEIR PLANS. THE ALLIES SHOULD NOT ASSUME, HOWEVER, THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE ABLE TO ATTEND AN EVENT THAT EVENING WHICH IS MOST UNLIKELY. END FYI.)

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